

GREAT CROWD
COURT DAY

Largest in Years Here Monday—
Trade is Brisk and Candidates Active.

Monday was county court day and the crowd that was in town was pronounced by all to be the biggest that has been seen here on court day for some years. The crowd at the stock yards during the morning hours was also unusually large and the buying was brisk.

The Main street stores were packed with shoppers all during the day and business in all channels was reported as active.

The candidates for county and city offices probably made the best use of the day. Taking the advantages of the large crowd that was on the streets, they were to be found on all sides giving the glad hand and a bunch of jolly and occasionally mentioning their candidacy for office on the side. Full court day sales will appear in Tuesday's morning and afternoon edition.

ANNUAL RECEPTION OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will Be Given Next Thursday Night
From 6 to 9 at the Engine House.

The fire department has issued the following invitations to their reception that will be given Thursday evening:

You are invited to attend a reception to be given at the Engine House by the Winchester Fire Department on Thursday evening, January twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and nine from 6 to 9.

The custom of giving these receptions annually by the fire laddies was formed several years ago and it has proven to be one of the most enjoyable occasions of its kind that takes place during the year and one that the firemen look forward to with great pleasure.

The firemen are allowed no compensation whatever for the valuable services they render the city during the year. The department is allowed \$6 a year for each of the 57 members of the department by the city and that money is turned over to the treasury of the department and expended for the reception which is the only reward the firemen get for their services. None but the members of the department and a very few intimate friends are invited.

INDOOR BASE BALL
ON MONDAY NIGHT

Town and College Nines to Line Up
at Auditorium at 8:30 p. m.

Another of the series of games of indoor baseball between the town team and the college team will be played at the Auditorium Monday night. The line up will be the same as it was last Monday night. Prof. Dalgaty will do the twirling for the college team. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The admission has been reduced from 25 cents to the regular rink admission, 10 cents for admission and 15 cents for skates.

MR. G. W. REED IS
TAKEN TO CINCINNATI

Removed From Gibson Infirmary at Richmond to Be Operated Upon.

Mr. G. W. Reed, who was recently removed from Lexington to the Gibson Infirmary at Richmond, was taken Monday morning on the early train to Cincinnati to be operated upon. His brother Jimmy brought a specialist over from Cincinnati Sunday to see him and he advised an operation as the only hope.

Miss Laura Granducci spent Saturday and Sunday in Versailles, the guest of friends.

WILLSON FOR
SUPREME COURT

Tip That Kentucky's Governor May
Succeed Justice Harlan
—Will Resign.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25.—Gov. Augustus E. Willson for a place on the Supreme bench to succeed Justice John M. Harlan. This is the latest political tip which is going through the Frankfort political prophets and it is said to be practically a certainty that Justice Harlan will resign in December and President Taft will appoint Gov. Willson as his successor. If the resignation of Governor Willson is filed after December 10, of the present year, Lieut. Gov. William H. Cox would succeed him as Governor and serve the remaining two years of the term. If the appointment should be made prior to that time, another election for Governor would have to be held and the Democrats would have a chance to elect a Governor who would be the only Democrat of the State officials.

Two trips to Washington recently and the trip to Atlanta where he met Judge Taft, combined with the recent visit of Justice Harlan, who is a life-long friend of Gov. Willson, have given rise to the story that Judge Taft will appoint Gov. Willson to a place on the Supreme Bench and that Justice Harlan, who is past the age limit, will retire to give way to his intimate personal friend, Justice Harlan, at the time of his visit here, said he had no intention of retiring, but it is said by those who pick Gov. Willson as a Justice of the Supreme Court, that Justice Harlan would change his mind if the President would agree to appoint Gov. Willson.

RUMOR ABOUT
BEACH HARGIS

False Report That He Had Committed
Suicide—Still Confined
To Home.

A report gained circulation on the street here Monday morning to the effect that Beach Hargis had committed suicide at Jackson and The News' office was telephoned several times about it. The News immediately got in communication with its correspondent at Jackson and asked if there was anything in the report, and the reply was that Beach had made no new outbreaks and that he was still at the home of his mother suffering from the effects of the wound he received a few days ago by accidentally shooting himself in the foot while on a drunken rampage.

The wound is not as serious as was first thought and his physicians have no fears now of having to amputate the foot as was first thought.

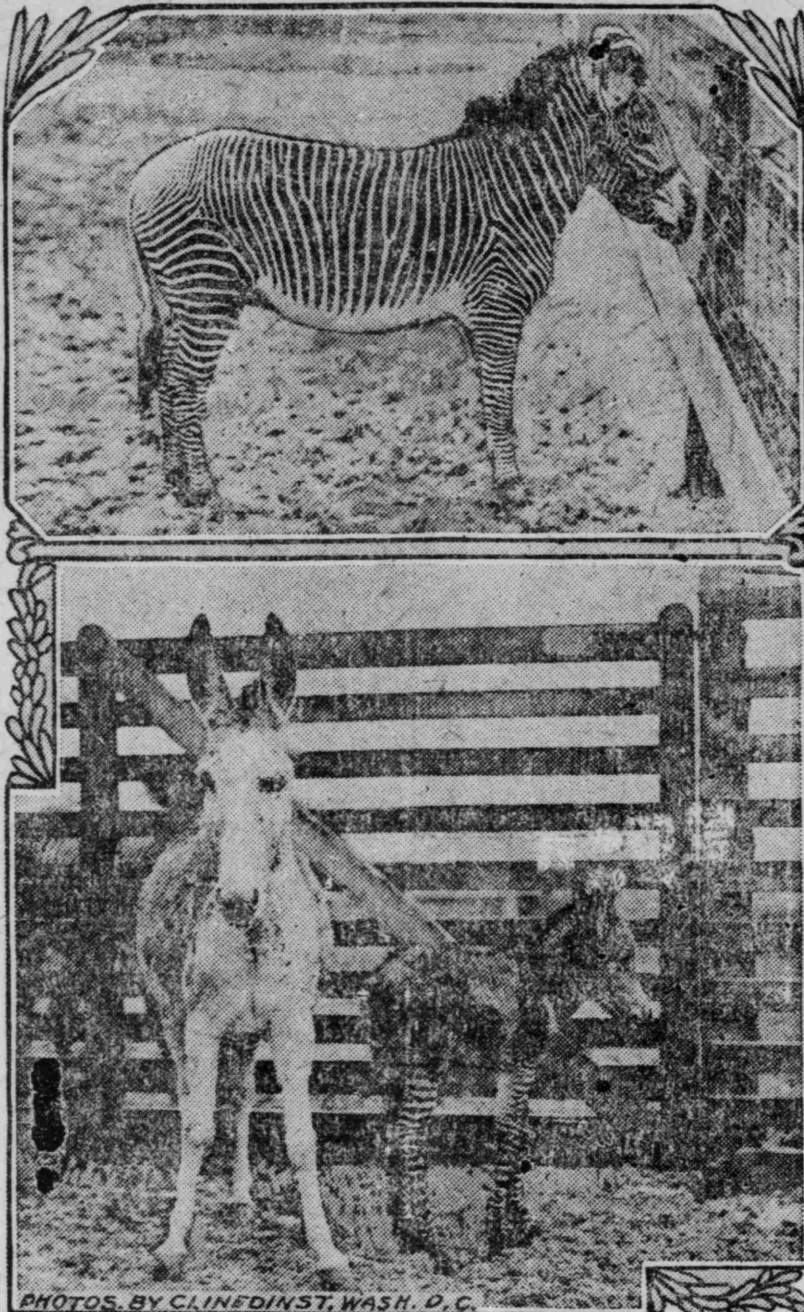
SWINE BREEDERS HAVE
SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Clark County Men Attend and Participate in the Sessions at Lexington.

The meeting of the Swine Breeders Association of Kentucky at Lexington which closed on Saturday, was one of the most successful in the history of that body. Among other important business, a committee was appointed to draft a law requiring the examination of diseased animals by competent veterinarians and quarantine in case of infectious diseases and requiring the burning or burying of all animals that die of disease. Those who attended for Clark were Messrs. Thos. and Eugene Tucker, John and Joe McClure and John M. Wheeler.

LARUE COUNTY VOTES DRY.

HODGENVILLE, Ky., Jan. 25.—In an election Saturday, Larue, Abraham Lincoln's native county, voted dry by a majority of 108. Church bells were rung at intervals during the day, children marched and the brass band furnished music. Prayer meetings were also held, and hot coffee was provided by the ladies at the voting places.



A ZEBRA AND A BURRO AND THEIR FANTASTIC OFFSPRING

There is an odd little animal, an equine paradox, at the experimental station in Washington, the offspring of a Texas burro and a zebra. The colt has the striped legs of a zebra and the tawny coat and big head of a burro. He is two months old and is as mischievous as some of the children who are his playmates around the experimental station.

VALENTINE PARTY AT
AUDITORIUM RINK

Hart Chapter, D. A. R. to Give Entertainment on Friday,
February 12.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Winchester are going to build a statue of Joel T. Hart and place it at some central point in Winchester. They will give an entertainment at the Auditorium, February 12, the proceeds of which will be the foundation for this purpose. The entertainment will be in the form of a valentine skating party and will be under the auspices of Hart chapter.

EAST TENNESSEE IS TO
MOVE TO LARGER PLACE

Extensive Improvements to Be Made
and Increased Facilities
Provided.

Manager Bridwell of the East Tennessee Telephone Company, states that they will move their exchange to the building formerly occupied by the Old Kentucky Telephone Company, on the corner of Main and Lexington avenue. In the course of this move, extensive improvements will be made on the inside equipment and facilities for handling a larger business will be provided for.

The two front rooms on Main street will be made into one large operating room. The remainder of the building will be used for their office and supply room. Manager Bridwell says their business is increasing very rapidly and that it is necessary that they move to larger quarters. Mr. Bridwell is the best manager the company has had here in years and the increase in the company's business is due partly to his popularity and hustle.

GOING TO NEW MEXICO.

Messrs. Sidney Hobbs and family, William Thurman and family, J. F. Hobbs and E. J. Thurman of the Hunt section left Saturday for Carlsbad, New Mexico, where they will locate and engage in the sheep industry.

DID NOT INVEST.

Mr. W. P. Huatt returned a few days ago from San Antonio and other points in Texas. He did not like the prospects well enough to invest.

ANNUAL BANQUET TO
BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Merchants' Protective Association
Will Listen to Some Interesting Speeches.

The first annual banquet of the Merchants' Protective Association will be held at the Brown-Proctoria Hotel Wednesday night. A very interesting program has been arranged for the occasion including a report of the work of last year and an outline of the work for the coming year and several addresses by the local merchants on well selected subjects that are of great interest to the merchant and to the association. The following is the program:

Jas. S. Winn—"Our Past Year."
W. S. Duty—"Outline of Work for the New Year."

J. Harry Allan—"Unity as a Means of Success."

Edwin T. Smith—"What it Means to the Merchant to be a Member of the Merchants' Protective Association."

Norval T. Benton—"What the Merchants' Protective Association Means to a New Firm."

M. D. Royle—"The Value of the Thirty Day System."

Wm. Scobee—"The Thirty Day System an Advantage to the Manufacturer."

C. E. Lyddane—"The Value of Publicity to the Merchants' Protective Association."

David T. Matlack—"Winchester Five Years Ago, Today, and Five Years Hence."

John M. Hodgkin—"The Thirty Day System From the Bankers' Standpoint."

W. A. Beatty—"The Value of Publicity to the Merchant."

YOUNGEST SOLDIER IN
THE CIVIL WAR

Mr. James O'Connell Enlisted at the
Age of Twelve Years and
Eight Months.

Mr. James O'Connell, of Mt. Sterling, was here Monday morning on his way to Richmond to appear as a witness in the United States Court. Mr. O'Connell has the distinction so far as known of being the youngest soldier that served through the Civil War on either side. He was born February 14, 1849. He enlisted in the 18th Ky. Federal Infantry at Falmouth, Ky., October 26th, 1861, and was mustered out July 18th, 1865. He was twelve years and eight months old when he enlisted and served three years and nine months.

PANAMA TRIP
BEGINS TO DAY

President-Elect Taft Sails On North
Carolina, Conveyed By
Montana.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 25.—Everything is in readiness for the departure of President-elect Taft today for the Isthmus of Panama, where he will inspect the work so far completed on the canal. Mr. Taft and the party of consulting engineers are to sail on the cruiser North Carolina, the Montana going along to act as convoy for the party. As Mr. Taft said Taft said jocularly a few days ago, two armored cruisers are required to carry a man of his bulk on a trip of such importance. Seriously speaking, however, the decision to have two cruisers to convey the president-elect is a precaution suggested by certain senators on the ground that there is no legal provision for a successor to the presidency in the event of a fatality overtaking a president-elect prior to his inauguration.

Will Stay Week on Isthmus.

The North Carolina and the Montana are speedy vessels, capable of making 22 knots if pushed, and will get Mr. Taft in Colon in four days. Mr. Taft's stay on the Isthmus of Panama will be limited to one week. While there he will be the guest of Colonel Goethals at his residence at Culebra. Mrs. Taft accompanies her husband on the trip.

A special train will be at the disposal of Mr. Taft and party while on the Isthmus. He expects to spend

PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT.
Who Sails Today For Isthmus of
Panama.

much of his time at the site of the Gatun dam, as part of the work of the engineers with him is to ascertain the adequacy of the natural foundations for this structure.

Minor tangles of administration which may be found to exist will be unraveled by Mr. Taft, who also will make it a point to give impetus to the general work on the canal.

Engineers Accompanying Taft.

Accompanying Mr. Taft is the board of consulting engineers who are to make an examination of the Panama canal for the special purpose of reporting to President Roosevelt their opinion as to the canal work. They are Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service; John R. Freeman of Providence, R. I.; Allen Hazen of New York, Isham Randolph of Chicago, James Dix Schuyler of Los Angeles, Cal., and Frederic P. Stearns of Boston.

These men, who are numbered among the best civil engineers of the world, will make an unbiased and frank report on the canal and the progress of the work. In particular they will devote part of their report or reports to the question of the advisability of continuing the present digging of the canal on the lock plan. They have been urged by the president to forget that the government has committed itself to the construction of a lock canal. If the opinion is that the adoption of such a plan instead of one aiming at the digging of a sea level canal was a mistake the engineers will say so.

Mr. Taft was joined here by Mrs. Taft, who goes with him to Panama.

ROUND-UP NEGROES

Passengers Prepare to Lynch Murderer of Texas Conductor.

New Roads, La., Jan. 25.—Conductor Burr Hall of a Texas & Pacific local train was shot and killed by a negro passenger while the train was passing Walls Spur. One of several negroes on the train was captured by the passengers and preparations made for a lynching, but this was deferred when it became evident that they did not have the right man.

Posses are out rounding up negroes and it is believed that the man who did the shooting will soon be taken into custody.

GIRL'S MURDER
BAFFLES POLICE

Mary Forschner Assaulted at Dayton
and Body is Found in
Shed.

Dayton, O., Jan. 25.—Although two arrests were made, the police practically admit that very little progress has been made in solving the mystery surrounding the assault and murder of 15-year-old Mary Forschner, whose body was found in a shed near her home. The two men being held as suspects doubtless will be released.

The investigations made by the police have thrown more light upon collateral events and the probable movements of the Forschner girl. It has been established that she left her home on Hall avenue for the purpose of taking money to a bank to be deposited for her stepfather, Charles Gephert. The officers believe the girl did not go down town, but was attacked in the immediate vicinity of her home. There was evidence of a struggle which covered a distance of nearly 100 yards and ended in a vacant lot. The body was found in a shed upon this lot, which is owned by Grafton Kennedy, by whom the dead girl's sister is said to be employed.

The autopsy and other evidence, the police say, indicate that the girl first was attacked, against which she fought, and then was struck on the head by a board. Evidently unconscious, she was dragged to the vacant lot, where she regained consciousness and where the struggle apparently was renewed. Finger marks on the girl's throat indicate that she then was choked into silence and submission, which probably resulted in her death. The body then, the officials believe, was thrown in the shed across the street.

Robbery did not enter into the assault as a possible motive, the officials think. The pocketbook containing the money to be deposited in the bank was found near the scene of the crime.

The mysterious assault of Miss Forschner is the fifth of a similar character in recent years, which became the sensation of the city and country. In only one instance has there been a conviction. Two years ago Dona Gillman was assaulted and strangled. A year ago Ida Marakowitz was attacked and killed. A negro is now serving a life sentence for this murder. Previous to these crimes Bessie Little was strangled and thrown into the Miami river. Ada Lentz was assaulted and her body thrown into a cistern.

Charles Snyder, a roomer in the Gephert house, was taken into custody by the police upon suspicion in connection with the Forschner murder. Chief of Police Allaback says he has no evidence against Snyder.

Admits Embezzlement Charge.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25.—Russell Baker, 30, wanted in Dayton, O., on a charge of embezzling about \$9,000 from the Jewell & Vinson Paint company while employed by the firm as bookkeeper, was arrested here. "The money went in playing the handbooks, faro and roulette," said Baker. "In two and one-half years I lost the \$9,200 and most of my salary, which was \$1,200 a year."

SKATERS AT CLEVELAND

National Championships Will Be Decided This Week.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—This week will see here one of the greatest gatherings of amateur skaters that has ever taken place in America. The occasion will be the national skating championships, for which the speediest men on the steel runners have entered.

From this city many of the entrants will go to Pittsburgh, where the international championships will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Bryan Explains Resolution.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 25.—W. J. Bryan in a statement explained his attitude toward and connection with the joint resolution introduced last week in the Nebraska legislature, providing for a school of citizenship in the University of Nebraska. Mr. Bryan says he inspired its introduction, but adds that he has no pecuniary interest in the matter and that whatever lectures he may deliver will be without compensation.

Heavy Quakes Recorded.

London, Jan. 25.—The seismographs of the continent and England record a severe earthquake, in some instances the intensity indicated by the needles being nearly as great as that recorded last month at the time of the Messina disaster. The estimates of distance vary from 2,000 to 3,000 miles to the eastward of the point of record.